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Who are going to be candidates for the county offices? Don't all speak at once.

The Clayton incident is an evidence that the ring is not only corrupt but violent also.

Good men are slow about going into booze and boodle politics. We can get the former by dispensing with the latter.

Hearst's stock seems to be going up among the Democrats. As we have said before, indications point strongly to his nomination as that party's candidate for president.

There is one thing that has ever been said of this paper and that is, it wears no man's collar and always expresses its own convictions as to what we hold to be best for public interest and welfare.

Congressman Robb seems to have his renomination clinched. As long as this district must be represented by a Democrat Robb will do as well as any other. He does nothing worse than draw his salary.

Ring rule in Missouri is now almost wholly dependent upon the fraud scoop shovel in St. Louis, and to this fact all the antagonism to Joe Folk is attributable. With Folk as the Democratic nominee for governor the scoop shovel would refuse to work. A ring candidate must be nominated to keep the fraud scoop shovel in a good humor.

As long as the Butler Indians confined their operations to Republicanism our Democratic friends viewed them with a chuckle, but now that they are also used against Democrats of pretended political decency they do not appear so funny. Its only when we see our own ox is gored that we see the danger of a vicious brute at large.

The Rev. Frank Terrell of St. Louis, a divine of some note, seems to have arrived at the conclusion that the saloons have St. Louis by the throat. Mr. Terrell is a little late in getting at a fact that has been obvious for some time. We can separate our homes, our religious and fraternal organizations from saloon influence; we would not permit it to enter either of them, and still we are wont to regard none of them as more sacred than our political institutions, and then we permit the saloon to be the center of our political activity. Why is it?

We want to know why it is that the county should be saddled with the expense of the care and treatment of the so-called small-pox cases, when in most instances the patients are able to pay the cost. They are not paupers and would resent any inference of such nature. Far more people die of consumption or pneumonia, both held by the best medical authority of today to be contagious diseases, than of the "small-pox," but we do not hear of any one asking the county to pay the doctor's or nurse's bills in a case of consumption or pneumonia. We believe public aid can only be extended to paupers. Let our county court take a little legal advice on the question of "small-pox" bills before it pays any more of them.

For plain, unvarnished, contemptible partisan meanness the St. Louis Republic is to be commended. In referring to the riot at the Democratic primary in Clayton last week the Republic states that it was only in line with Republican example for years in this state. The "Indian" raid on the Folk men at Clayton was not after Republican methods, but rather an extension of the Democratic practices of raiding the polling places in St. Louis on election day with thugs and bruisers, who determine the conduct of the day by throwing the Republican election judges and clerks out of the polls, that fraud and criminal license may have complete and uninterrupted sway over the ballot-box. No, Republican conduct has not set an example for such scenes

as were enacted at Clayton last week. On the contrary, the party has set an example of long-suffered patience. So far the Republic has not yet accused the Republicans of throwing themselves out of the voting places, but it is quite ripe for such assertions.

In this state Democrats have ever been the most aggressive in their political methods and do not always keep strictly within statutory limits in their efforts to hold political control. They feel safe in doing this for the reason that under Democratic rule no one has ever been punished for a political crime in Missouri if committed in the interest of the dominant party. Were the Republicans even inclined to a similar aggressiveness, but of which they have never shown the least evidence, they would soon have the laws, from which their opponents appear exempt, bearing down upon them. All of the state's executive and legal machinery holds Democratic supremacy above all other considerations, and from them the people have but one appeal—to the ballot box, and even this last resort is made ineffectual by reason of partisan control of the election machinery in certain cities by the party in power. Against these conditions, which have confronted the Republicans of this state for years, the party has made a noble fight, and a party which can live and grow under such adverse circumstances is worthy of the confidence of the people and would, if elected to power, give the state a competent and honest administration.

We believe that our county judges are moved with the best intentions in the matter of making appropriations from the county revenues, but the fact is conspicuously apparent, nevertheless, that in making these appropriations they are more often guided by the advice of interested individuals rather than by the statutes governing the expenditure of public monies. As a matter of fact, also, the notion seems to prevail that the judges have indiscriminate powers over the revenues, when the opposite is really the case. Their powers go no further than defined by the statutes, and the appropriation acts of the court and the subsequent expenditure of the money must proceed by a legally defined process. One of the results of this notion of indiscriminate powers of the court is that there is a claim against the county for something like \$1400, which will probably be sustained by the circuit court this week. In the Meramec bridge appropriation and in the appropriation for the bridge to be built in the city of Potosi the present court listened only to the representations of interested parties and sought no advice concerning these matters from the county attorney. The same spirit led to the purchase of an \$800 rock crusher, which now lies by the roadside useless, there being no money with which to run it. The county is deeply in debt with but little prospect of getting out of it unless there is a change of method in spending the county's money. Strict compliance with the law governing appropriations and expenditures, and soliciting the advice of the county attorney in preference to the representations of those who may be interested in getting a hand in the public treasury, will go far towards restoring an equilibrium between the revenues and expenditures. The present court is not the only one at fault and the county's debt did not begin with this administration. We believe, however, that the present county court started out to make a record for economy, and we await the forthcoming annual statement of the county's finances with some interest, but no expectation of seeing any great reduction of the deficit of twelve months ago.

Speaks for Itself.

The protective system which the Republican party maintains and defends is identified with periods of good business and general employment. Here is a fact that no sophistry or misrepresentation can rub out. A Democratic period re-

All Around the State

With Pen and Scissors.

The students of the state agricultural college at Columbia have begun the publication of a farm paper.

Eleven personal damage suits are docketed in the St. Charles county circuit court against the St. Louis Transit Co., involving \$101,000.

At Springfield on March 1st Ethel Henslee, a negro woman, shot and killed Pearl Griggs, a young white woman, as the result of a quarrel between them.

The attorneys for George Collins, the bank robber and murderer who was to have been hung on March 11th at Union, have secured him a respite to March 26th.

S. L. Longan of Henry county got judgment in the supreme court last week for \$7,500 against Prof. Weltner, the "magnetic healer" of Nevada. The petition alleges that the plaintiff went to the Weltner Institute for treatment and was treated by A. L. Kretson and from the results of such treatment she is left a hopeless invalid. The trial court gave her \$7500 damages and the supreme court affirmed that judgment.

verses the situation. There is a companion fact that speaks for itself and will stand as a historical warning. When voters calmly weigh the national situation they must necessarily take into account the record of the two parties touching business prosperity. Republicans hold that there is but one way by which the standard of American wages, the highest in the world can be preserved, and that is by a protective tariff. Every practical attempt to prove the contrary has been disastrous. Thinking that perhaps the professions of the Democratic party might be trusted, at least for once, that party was given control of all departments of the government. Who that witnessed the calamitous results can ever forget them?

Last year the British government spent \$35,000,000 more than its revenue. The foremost question at this time in the foremost free trade nation is a proposed return to protection. The battle may be a long one, with varying fortunes, but the fact remains that the system of free trade has been weighed and found wanting by the nation best prepared to sustain it. The United States had a treasury surplus last year and the balance will again be on the right side for the fiscal ending with June. Little is heard now of reciprocity, which is free trade in disguise and mixed with a plague of international favoritism and retaliation. The Republican policy of protection is a vital part of national prosperity, and heavy has been the punishment when this truth was disregarded.—Globe-Democrat.

Watching the Bear.

As to the outcome of the fight between the Democratic machine and the Folk factions in Missouri the Republicans are like the native of Arkansas who, while complacently viewing a tussle between his wife and a black bear, was asked why he did not take a hand in the scrap. The reply was: "I never saw a fight that I took less interest in the result." If Folk and the country Democrats win in the gubernatorial fight, the machine and its Indians will sulk, and if the corrupt machine, through artifices known only to the Missouri article, is victorious, the country Democracy, which as a whole will not stand for a boodler's ticket this year, will either fish all day on November 8 or vote the Republican ticket. In either case if the opposition is awake to the situation sufficiently to nominate a man like Cyrus P. Walbridge of St. Louis, the next governor will be a Republican.

Tell the Truth.

Senator William Joel Stone in his speech in the Senate on the "Panama Revolution" stood up in his Simon purity and proclaimed: "Mr. President, we should have

One of the largest cottonwood trees ever in Missouri grew on the farm of Anson Merrifield, near Hardin, Ray County. It was felled last fall and was sawed into more than 5,000 feet of lumber. The first knot on the tree was sixty-five feet from the ground, and three logs more than twenty inches in diameter were sawed from its limbs. Mr. Merrifield sold his lumber for \$1.75 per hundred feet, and got an average of \$75 each for thirteen cottonwood trees, all of which stood on forty acres.

Every red apple on a small green-edged plate in the manner in which the pomological exhibit at the World's Fair will be installed in the Agricultural building, and the department in charge of the building has almost decided on the particular shade of green for the border and the initials "L. P. E." in the center. Forty thousand apple plates will be needed, and it is understood that the cost to exhibitors will be about a dollar a dozen. Each plate is about eight inches in diameter, and the space they will cover, is more than 17,000 square feet, if they are all placed on exhibition at one time.

the truth, are entitled to the truth, and the whole truth about these transactions."

Ah, Truth! what a Jewel thou art! Of course, the Senator wants the truth. Truth he must have. By truth he lives, for truth he would even dare to die. To tell the truth his constituency back here in Missouri have somewhat of a hankering after the truth themselves. But it isn't altogether concerning the "Panama Revolution." While we sincerely hope the whole truth will be furnished the Senator on that point, there are some other things we'd like to know the whole truth about.

First we're reminded of the Senator's health society. Our earnest desire to know the truth about that affair is as a consuming fire within us. However, but the Senator knows the whole truth about it and he won't tell. Then there's the Kansas City Times deal where the Senator claims to have given up \$10,000 to make that organ play "The Greatest Democrat in Missouri is William Joel Stone" words and music by the great truth hunter himself. Again, whose \$10,000 was that? Would telling the truth in this instance hurt anybody? Then there are those egg shells and the gum shoes with which this seeker after truth has been walking around in. What's the truth about those things? And the alumn deal and goodness knows what else! Who should tell the whole truth? All of us—the Senator included—or just part of us? We sincerely hope William Joel will be furnished the whole truth and then do a little furnishing himself for our own enlightenment. We are entitled to it—now give it to us, please.—Maysville Republican P.P.Ot.

The Success of Legislative Lobbying.

The great reason for the success of lobbying lies in the fact that the men we send to the Legislature, although intelligent and able in ordinary affairs, know nothing about the making of laws or the practical underlying principles of economics of political science. This cannot be entirely remedied. The great business interests have learned, however, that it is a good investment for them to hire experts in these matters, who perhaps go from one State to another. These experts have trained clerks and experts behind them to furnish them with statistics, facts and legal points. When such a man goes before a committee composed of good farmers and manufacturers and brings up an array of facts and figures, the committee is helpless in his hands. They have not a word to say for themselves. Thus the big business interests of ten win by the irresistible power of logic alone. If the opponents of corporations were as diligent as the corporations in getting such men or were as careful in preparing their case, their efforts would be far more successful.—The World To-Day.

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BIG PETRIED STUMP.

One in Colorado that is Twenty Feet in Diameter and Ten Feet High.

The petrified stump of a gigantic redwood tree, which is in an almost perfect state of preservation, is at Florissant, not far from Grapeland, Colo., says the Wide World Magazine.

Although membership people have taken away from this stamping ground many towns, it is still estimated to be a fairly big town. To give a better idea of its size it may be well to state that it is 20 feet in diameter and ten feet high. There have been many attempts to dig it up and place it upon exhibition, the last being a scheme to exhibit it at the great exposition at St. Louis in 1904. Owing to its great weight, however, this had to be abandoned, as there are no railways capable of carrying objects of its weight. What, perhaps, makes it more of a curiosity is the fact that this Rocky Mountain region is a country of small trees, and that there are no giant redwoods within a thousand miles of this stump—which goes to show that nature has changed the entire vegetable growth of this section, as nothing requiring the seed-trip of a redwood tree would grow at this altitude now.

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